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Part II

Young Anakin Skywalker is having doubts. He joined the peacekeeping Jedi Order as a boy but now, a young man of twelve, he has begun to doubt his path.

Anakin joined his master, Jedi Knight Obi-Wan Kenobi, on a mission to Cernelion IV in response to a call for Jedi assistance. Crash-landing on the planet, the pair found the ruins of an advanced civilization abandoned beneath a sickly cloud cover, but also more primitive survivors living above the clouds on mountain peaks and flying airships.

A battle between two airships ended with one plummeting groundward. Obi-Wan managed to save a pair of women from the crew of the downed ship before it crashed, but the women immediately pulled weapons on their saviors, claiming to have never heard of the Jedi....

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I WON'T
SAY IT AGAIN. ARE
YOU OPEN, OR
CLOSED?

SPEAK
NOW OR
DIE.

NEITHER.
WE TOLD YOU.
WE'RE JEDI.



AND I TOLD YOU I
DON'T KNOW WHAT
THAT IS.

MOTHER PRAN--
MAYBE WE SHOULD
WAIT--

NO,
KOLARA. WE
SHOULDN'T.



THIS
TURNED UGLY
FAST.

BE CALM,
ANAKIN.



THERE IS
NO NEED
FOR WEAPONS
HERE.

THERE
IS NO NEED
FOR--



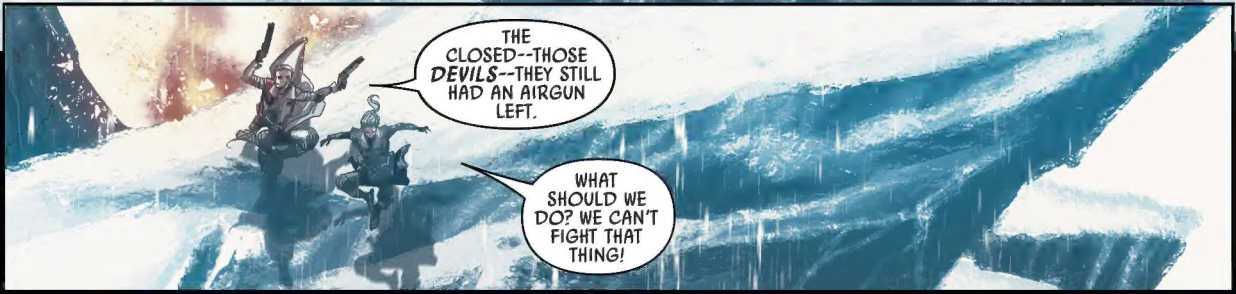


KRRACK!

KRRACK!

AHH!

KOLARA!
GET TO
COVER!



THE
CLOSED--THOSE
DEVILS--THEY STILL
HAD AN AIRGUN
LEFT.

WHAT
SHOULD WE
DO? WE CAN'T
FIGHT THAT
THING!



MAYBE THEY
DIDN'T SEE
US.

MAYBE THEY'LL
JUST KILL THE OTHER
TWO...THE JEDI!...
AND LEAVE.

YOU
THINK WE'LL
GET THAT
LUCKY?



UNLIKELY.

YOU FOOLS!
YOU'LL LEAD
THEM RIGHT
TO US!



WE JUST ARRIVED ON THIS
PLANET. I FIND IT HARD TO
BELIEVE WE'RE THEIR
TARGETS.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THEY'RE *CLOSED*. THEY
KILL *EVERYTHING*!

THEY WON'T
JUST LEAVE? IS THERE
ANY CHANCE AT ALL?

NOT
UNTIL THEY'VE
SEEN OUR
CORPSES.



HM.



HE
MOVED
SO FAST...
WHERE DID
HE GO?

FSSSSH



UP.



DOES HE WANT
TO DIE SO BADLY?
THEY'LL SLAUGHTER
HIM!

I
DOUBT
IT.

THAT IS
MY MASTER,
OBI-WAN
KENOBI.

"THERE IS
NO ONE
BETTER."

SSSSK!

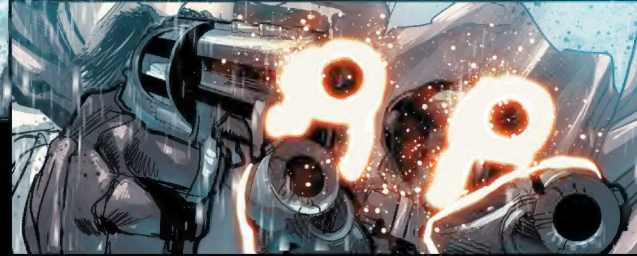


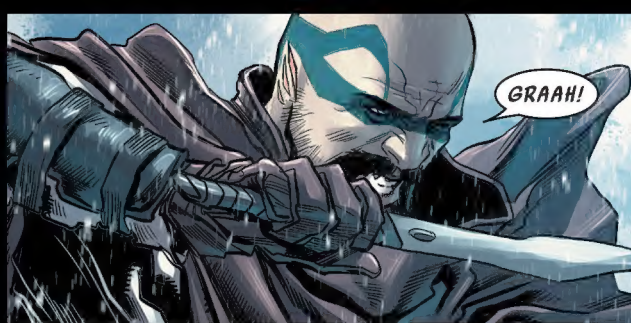


YOU IDIOT! WHY DID YOU BRING HIM UP? THAT'S GRECKER-- ONE OF THE WORST OF THE CLOSED, AND THAT IS *SAYING* SOMETHING. ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS LET HIM FALL.

I DON'T DO THAT.









GRECKER,
IS IT? MY NAME IS
OBI-WAN KENOBI, AND
THE YOUNG MAN WHO SO
ABLY DISABLED YOUR
FIREARMS IS MY
APPRENTICE, ANAKIN
SKYWALKER.

NOW, BOTH
OF YOU. TELL
ME. I FIND MYSELF
EXTREMELY
CURIOUS.

WHY ARE
YOU SO FOCUSED
ON *MURDERING*
EACH OTHER?



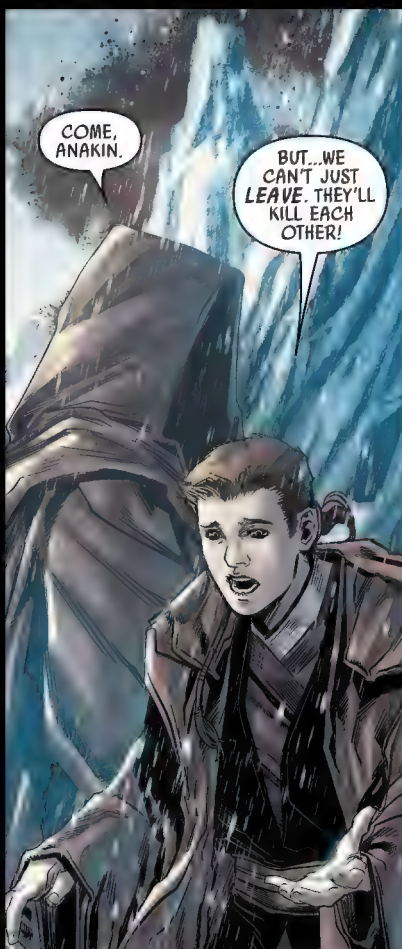
"WHY"?
"WHY"?

HAVE YOU
BEEN DOWN THERE?
THEY DESTROYED OUR ENTIRE
WORLD! THEY BROUGHT UP
THE MISTS, POISONED OUR
PLANET WITH THE
CELADON SEA.



HE *LIES*.
THE CLOSED STARTED
THE WAR, GENERATIONS
BACK. WE ALL KNOW IT,
NO MATTER WHAT
THEY SAY.

THE OPEN
ARE THE ONLY ONES
PREVENTING THIS
PLANET FROM FALLING
INTO COMPLETE
CHAOS.



COME,
ANAKIN.

BUT...WE
CAN'T JUST
LEAVE. THEY'LL
KILL EACH
OTHER!



I HOPE THEY DO NOT. WE
HAVE TAKEN THEIR WEAPONS.
PERHAPS THAT WILL GIVE THEM AN
OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER
THEIR ACTIONS.

WE CANNOT
STAY WITH THEM
FOREVER, AND WE
HAVE OTHER PLACES TO
BE. WE MUST PUT OUR
ENERGY TOWARDS
PROBLEMS WE CAN
SOLVE.



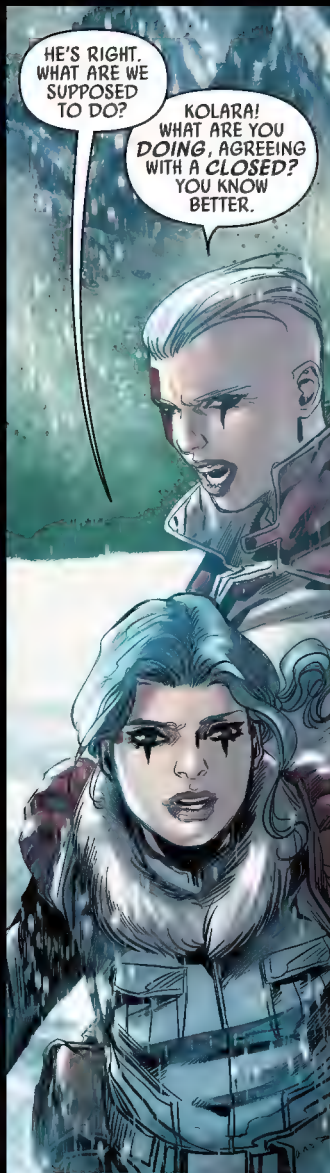
OI, SKYGIFT.
YOU KNOW YOU
JUST KILLED
US ALL,
RIGHT?



WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU SEEM VERY MUCH ALIVE.

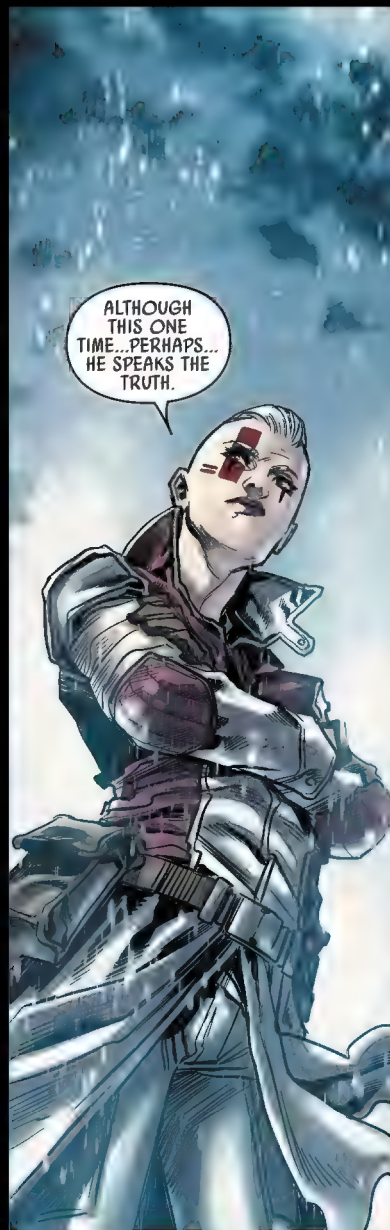
YOU GAVE US TWO CHOICES-- FREEZE ON THIS MOUNTAINTOP, OR TRY TO CROSS THE CELADON SEA TO SAFETY WITHOUT WEAPONS.

WE'RE DEAD EITHER WAY.



HE'S RIGHT. WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

KOLARA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, AGREEING WITH A CLOSED? YOU KNOW BETTER.



ALTHOUGH THIS ONE TIME...PERHAPS... HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH.



VERY WELL. WE WILL SEE YOU TO SAFETY.



IS IT
POSSIBLE FOR THOSE
AIRSHIPS TO BE REPAIRED?
I SUSPECT IT WOULD MAKE
OUR JOURNEY MUCH
EASIER THAN TRAVELING
OVERLAND.

SAFER, TOO.
YOU DON'T TRAVEL
ON THE SURFACE
HERE UNLESS YOU
HAVE ABSOLUTELY
NO CHOICE.

BUT NO.
IT'S NOT
POSSIBLE.



IT COULD WORK. WE'VE GOT AN INTACT
GONDOLA AND AN INTACT AIRBAG. I BET
WE COULD USE ALL THE PARTS TOGETHER
AND GET IT FLYING. I'M GOOD WITH
THINGS LIKE THAT.

AN **OPEN**
AIRBAG AND A **CLOSED**
GONDOLA. OPEN AND CLOSED
DO NOT MIX, BOY. NOT EVER.
WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
WOULD BE AN ABOMINATION.



BUT YOU'D BE **SAFE**--
AND WE COULD GET WHERE WE'RE
GOING THAT MUCH FASTER.



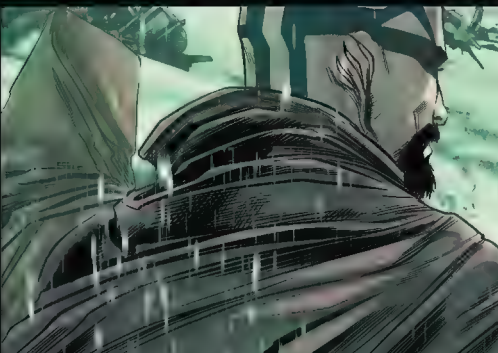
WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?
YOU MENTIONED
SOMETHING ABOUT
A **DISTRESS**
CALL.



YES. SOMEONE ON THIS PLANET SENT
OUT A CALL FOR JEDI HELP, USING
SPECIAL FREQUENCIES ONLY
KNOWN TO OUR ORDER.

WE HAVE TO
FIND THEM.
DO WHAT WE
CAN.

A CALL...
OFF-
PLANET?



THAT SHOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE.
WE LOST THE TECHNOLOGY TO DO
THAT IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE
WAR. MANY, MANY GENERATIONS
AGO.



IF YOU THINK IT CAN BE DONE, ANAKIN, AND GRECKER AGREES, I'M WILLING TO TRY.

REALLY? BUT YOU ALWAYS SAY--

IT'S BETTER THAN WALKING, KOLARA. A LOT BETTER.



I DON'T LIKE IT. BUT I THINK I'D LIKE DYING A LOT LESS. LET'S DO IT.

BUT SPEAKING OF DYING, YOU SKYGIFTS MIGHT WANT TO PULL OUT THOSE FANCY SWORDS OF YOURS.



LOOKS LIKE THE CORPSE-LEECHES JUST NOTICED US.



THESE BEASTS ARE NEARLY MINDLESS, ANAKIN. I CAN FEEL IT.

THEY ARE MERELY FOLLOWING THEIR NATURE. THEY SHOULD NOT DIE SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY CROSSED OUR PATH. USE THE FORCE TO SEND THEM ON THEIR WAY.

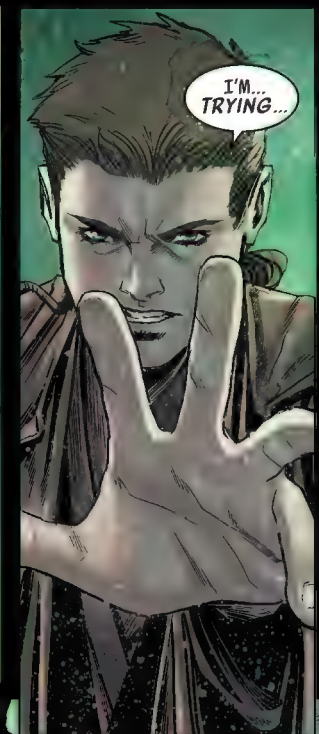
I... I'LL TRY, MASTER.



OKAY,
UH, FRIENDS...
JUST...JUST...



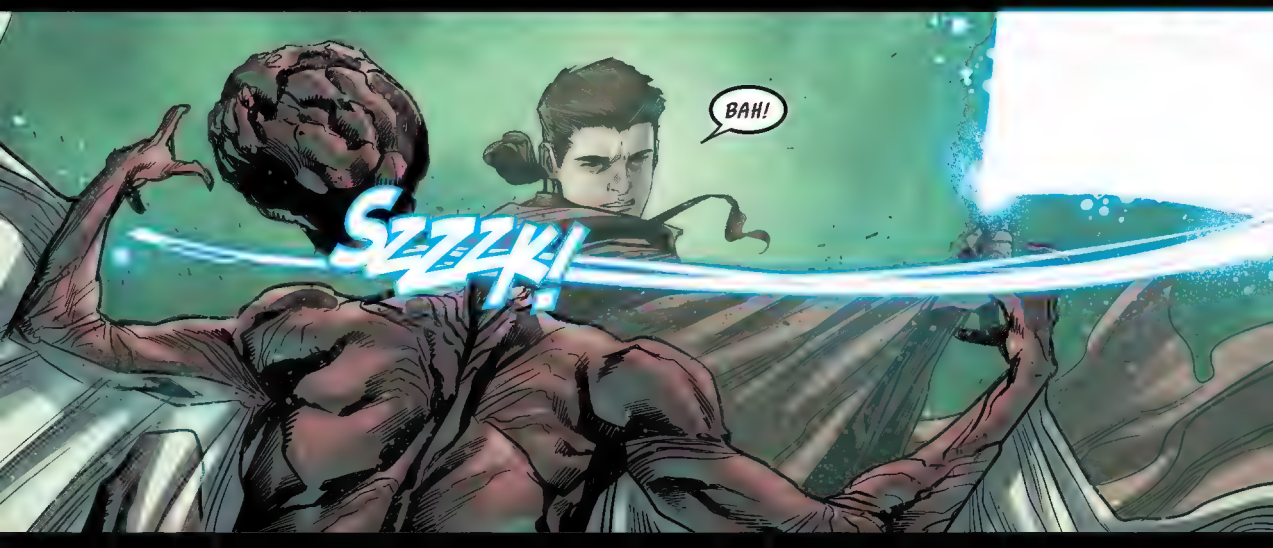
FOCUS, ANAKIN!
FEEL THE FORCE
FLOWING THROUGH THEM.
FEEL HOW IT CONNECTS
WITH YOUR OWN LIFE
ENERGY!



I'M...
TRYING...

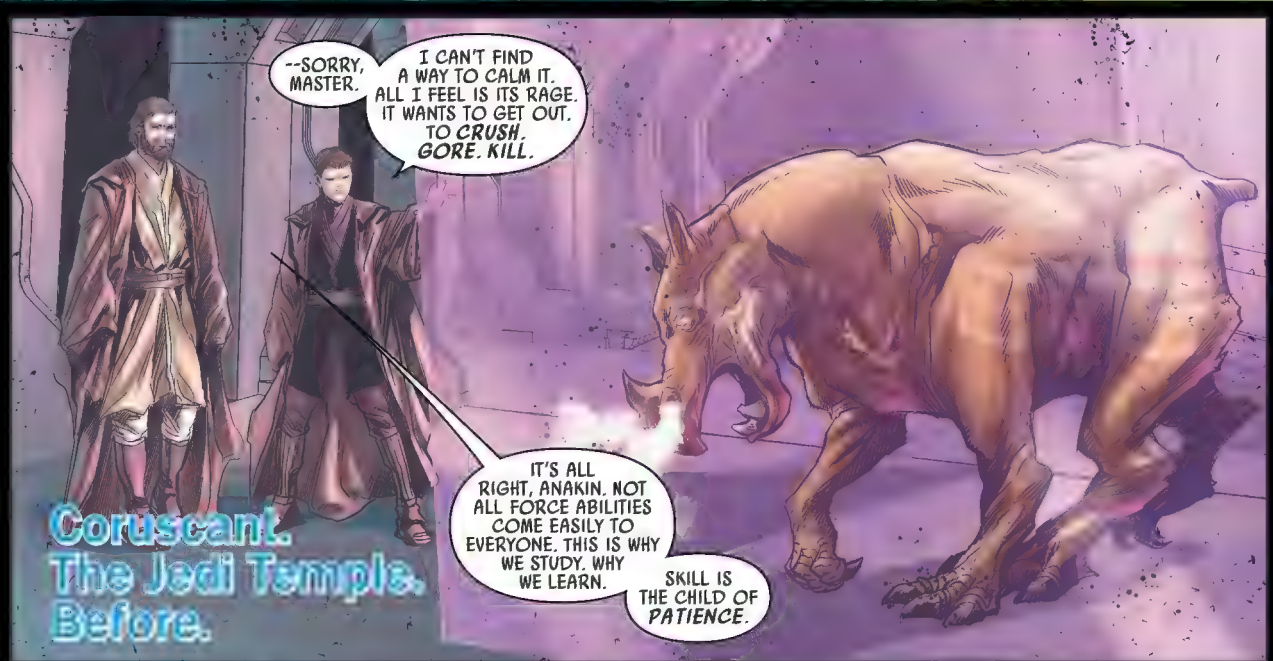


COME
ON...



BAH!

SZZZK!





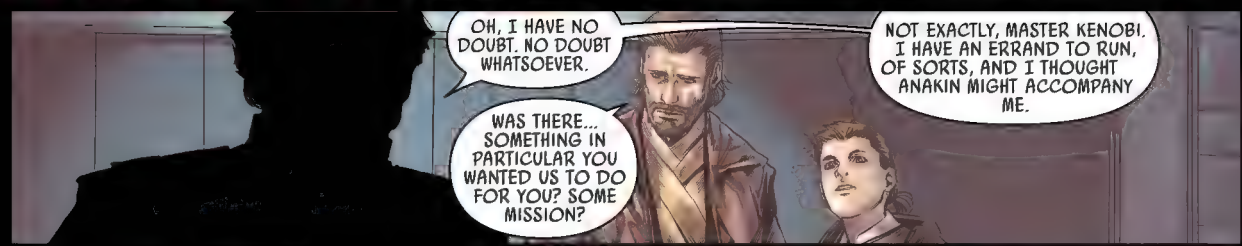
AH, YOUNG SKYWALKER!
A TRUE PLEASURE INDEED.



THANK YOU FOR FINDING TIME TO COME SEE ME. I KNOW HOW DEMANDING YOUR JEDI TRAINING CAN BE.

OF-- OF COURSE, CHANCELLOR PALPATINE.

ANAKIN IS MAKING EXCEPTIONAL PROGRESS, CHANCELLOR. HE WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT JEDI ONE DAY.



OH, I HAVE NO DOUBT. NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER.

WAS THERE... SOMETHING IN PARTICULAR YOU WANTED US TO DO FOR YOU? SOME MISSION?

NOT EXACTLY, MASTER KENOBI. I HAVE AN ERRAND TO RUN, OF SORTS, AND I THOUGHT ANAKIN MIGHT ACCOMPANY ME.



ANAKIN IS ADVANCED FOR HIS AGE, CHANCELLOR, BUT HE STILL HAS MUCH TO LEARN. PERHAPS I COULD JOIN YOU INSTEAD? IN A REAL SENSE, THE JEDI ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY, AND--

NONSENSE. I AM VERY CAPABLE OF HANDLING MYSELF, AND IN ANY CASE, THERE WILL BE NO DANGER.

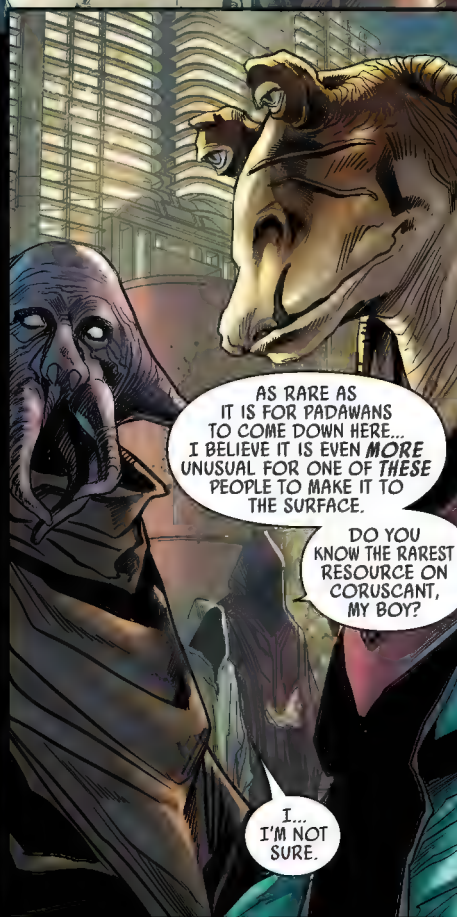
DON'T WORRY. I'LL HAVE HIM BACK AT THE TEMPLE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT. SAFE AND SOUND. I REALIZE HE NEEDS TO STUDY.

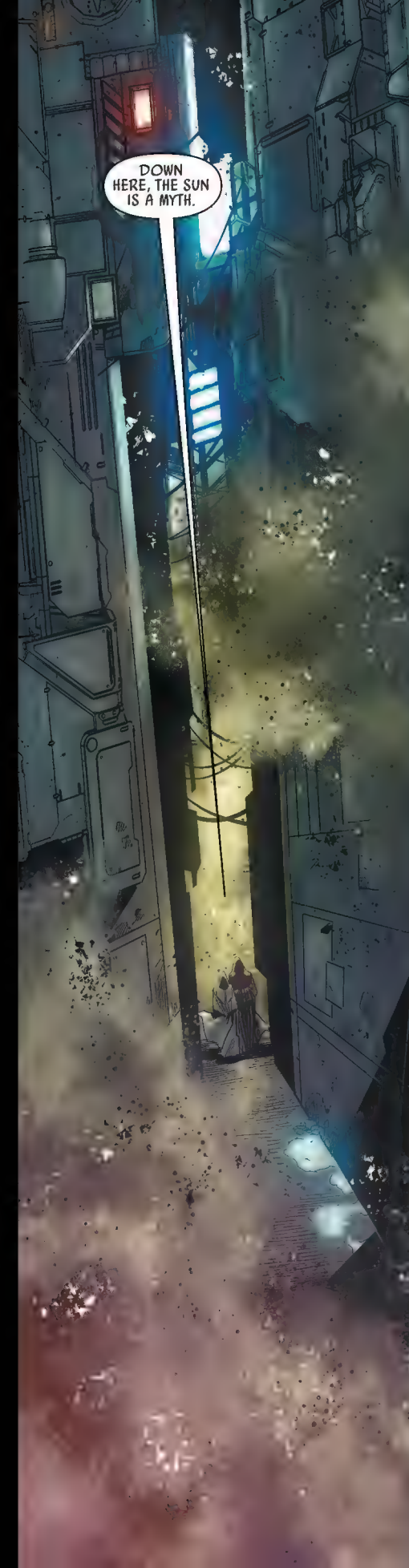


AS YOU SAID, MASTER KENOBI...

...HE STILL HAS MUCH TO LEARN.

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DOWN
HERE, THE SUN
IS A MYTH.



MY
PREDECESSOR, THE
HAPLESS VALORUM, WAS
HAPPY TO PRETEND THESE
DEPTHS DID NOT EXIST.
BUT I CANNOT.

IT IS THE
DARKNESS THAT
MOST REQUIRES
THE **LIGHT**.



WHEN MY
DUTIES PERMIT, I
COME TO PLACES
LIKE THIS.

I DISGUISE
MYSELF, JUST AS WE
HAVE DONE TODAY.
AND THEN,
ANONYMOUSLY...

Club Kasakar.



...I TRY TO
DO SOME
GOOD.

Now.



YOU SAW
IT, DIDN'T
YOU?

I DID,
MASTER.

THEY CHANGED
THEIR MINDS ABOUT
HELPING US THE MOMENT
WE TOLD THEM WHY
WE'RE HERE.



YES,
DESPITE THE FACT THAT
I HAVE RARELY SEEN TWO
PEOPLE MORE DEVOTED
TO HATING EACH OTHER
THAN GRECKER AND
MOTHER PRAN.

WE MUST
HOPE THAT THIS
MOMENTARY PEACE, FOR
WHATEVER REASON THEY
HAVE CHOSEN IT, WILL BREED
SOME DEGREE OF
UNDERSTANDING.



THEY'RE
JUST LIKE
US.

I DON'T
SEE THAT AT ALL, ANAKIN.
YOU AND I MAY HAVE...
AGGRESSIVE DISCUSSIONS
FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT WE
ARE MASTER AND STUDENT.
IT'S NATURAL.



NO,
MASTER. *US*.
THE JEDI AND
THE SITH.



WE WILL
REMAIN WATCHFUL,
AND TRUST IN THE
FORCE.

BUT FOR
THE FIRST TIME
SINCE ARRIVING
ON THIS PLANET,
ANAKIN...

"...I BELIEVE
WE ARE *SAFE*."



To be
continued!

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